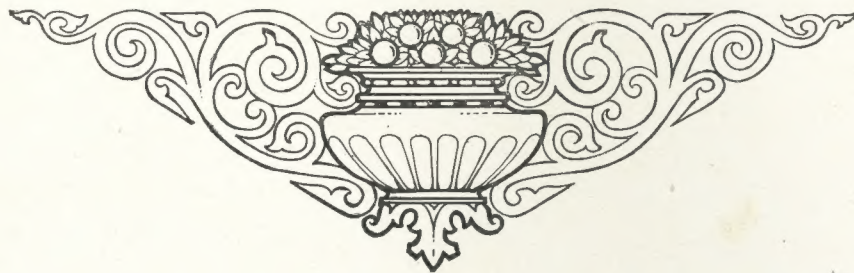




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SOUVENIR VIEW BOOK OF BANFF, ALBERTA



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BANFF, THE HEALTH RESORT



BANFF, a pretty little town on the swiftly flowing Bow River, where its banks broaden out into a spacious valley flanked by Mount Rundle, Mount Cascade and Sulphur Mountain, is undoubtedly the most popular entrance of the great Canadian National Park. Banff is situated at the western extremity of the original park reservation and is the natural starting place for all points in the Rocky Mountain Park. Many good roads and trails radiate from Banff, on which the Dominion Government has for years spent large sums. Few, if any, towns are more charmingly situated, few places have formed such speedy recognition of their attractiveness, for of all the lovely resorts on the American continent it is without a peer. Its surroundings are the mountain steeps, beside whose immense crags and peaks the works of man sink into insignificance. It is not a question of one mountain or of two, but of many, for they stretch away as far as the eye can follow them in every direction, rolling back, one behind another, in varied and sublime confusion. The inhabitants of Banff number but a few hundreds, but few towns of its size can compare with it municipally. The whole town being the property of the Dominion Government and under the control of the Canadian National Park Superintendent, public improvements of all kinds are being constantly carried on to the great advantage of both residents and visitors. The main streets are broad and splendidly kept. The stores, while not pretentious, have from years of experience and catering to visitors gained a complete knowledge of their requirements, and few indeed will be the needs in the way of camping equipments, photography supplies, fishing tackle and such like necessities for tourists, that the Banff stores cannot supply. Few holiday resorts are better provided for in respect to hotel accommodation. The most important hotel is the Canadian Pacific Railway Hotel, situated high above the valley of the Bow. This hotel commands a view perhaps unrivalled in America. The Banff Sanitorium, which is the next largest of the institutions for the accommodation of visitors, is situated on the banks of the Bow River, facing the handsome steel bridge spanning the river at the head of the rapids. As a health resort Banff is unrivalled; the hot springs gushing from the basin at the Sulphur Mountain are charged with the qualities curative of rheumatics and kindred troubles. These waters which gush from the mountain at a temperature of 114.3 degrees are piped down to the C.P.R. Hotel and the Sanitorium. At the Sanitorium there are in addition to plain baths, steam, plunge and Turkish baths; while at the C.P.R. Hotel is one of the largest and best equipped swimming baths in the west supplied by water direct from the Sulphur Springs. Of all the great parks of the world the Canadian National Park is by far the largest and in point of scenic attractiveness is the equal of the best. Until the year 1902 the Canadian National Park was comparatively a small affair, the village of Banff being the principal centre. This park now stretches east and west from the backbone of the continent, having an area of 5,732 square miles—3,668,480 acres. For purpose of comparison it may be interesting to note that the next national park, in point of size, is the American Yellowstone, which contains about 3,344 square miles, little more than half the area of the Canadian National Park.



BANFF, ALBERTA



MOUNT EDITH



BANKHEAD, ALBERTA



SANITARIUM HOTEL AND SULPHUR MOUNTAIN



PACIFIC COAL COMPANY'S PLANT, BANKHEAD, ALBERTA



THE HOT SPRINGS AND BOW VALLEY



CASCADE MOUNTAIN, HEIGHT 9825 FEET



C. P. R. HOTEL, BANFF



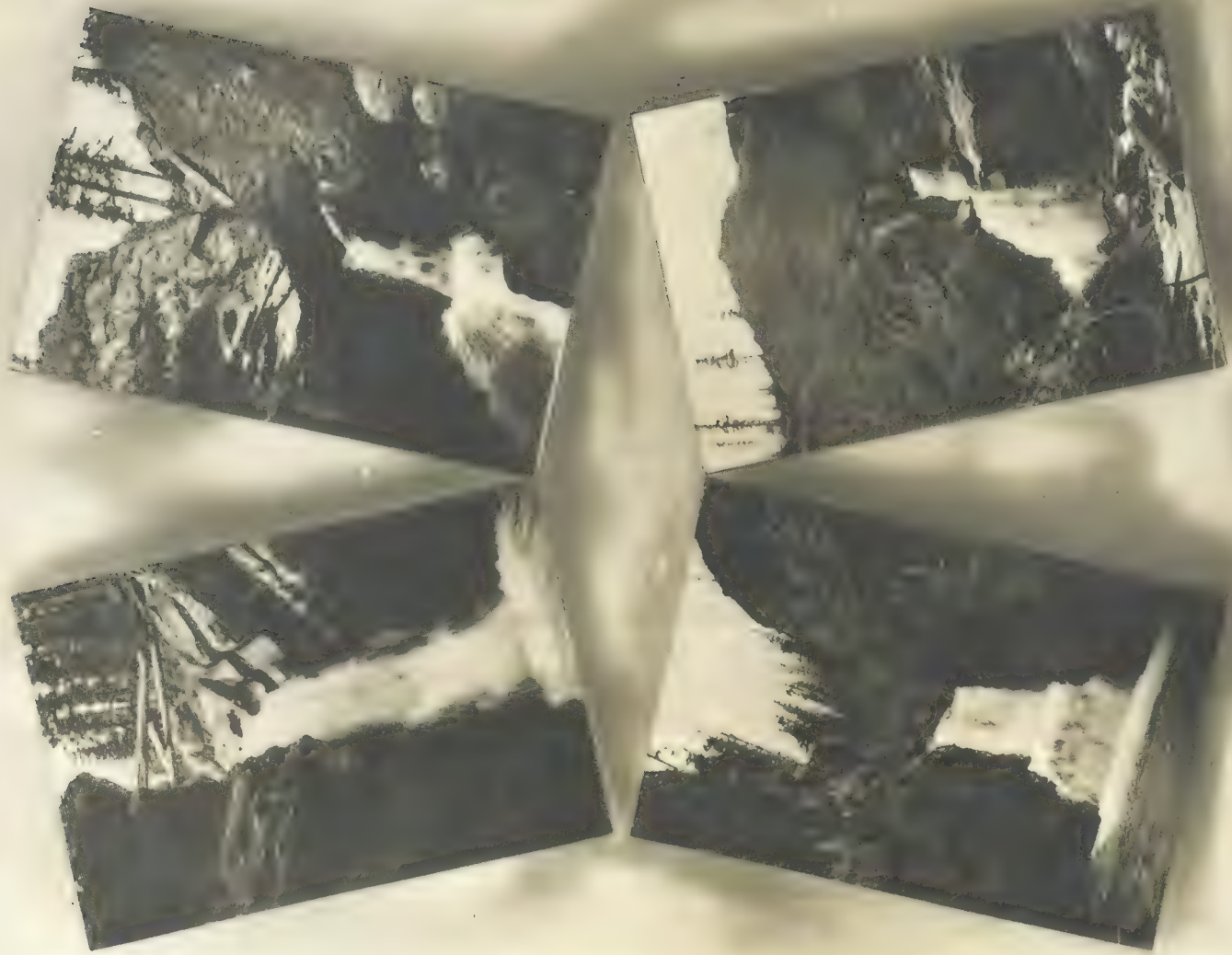
SULPHUR FOUNTAIN — WINTER



LAKE MINNEWANKA



C. P. R. HOTEL AND BOW VALLEY FROM SULPHUR MOUNTAIN



FALLS OF THE CASCADE



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OF BANFF FROM TOP OF SULPHUR MOUNTAIN



BATHING AT THE HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS IN WINTER



GLACIER HEADWATERS OF THE CASCADE



GOVERNMENT MUSEUM, PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE



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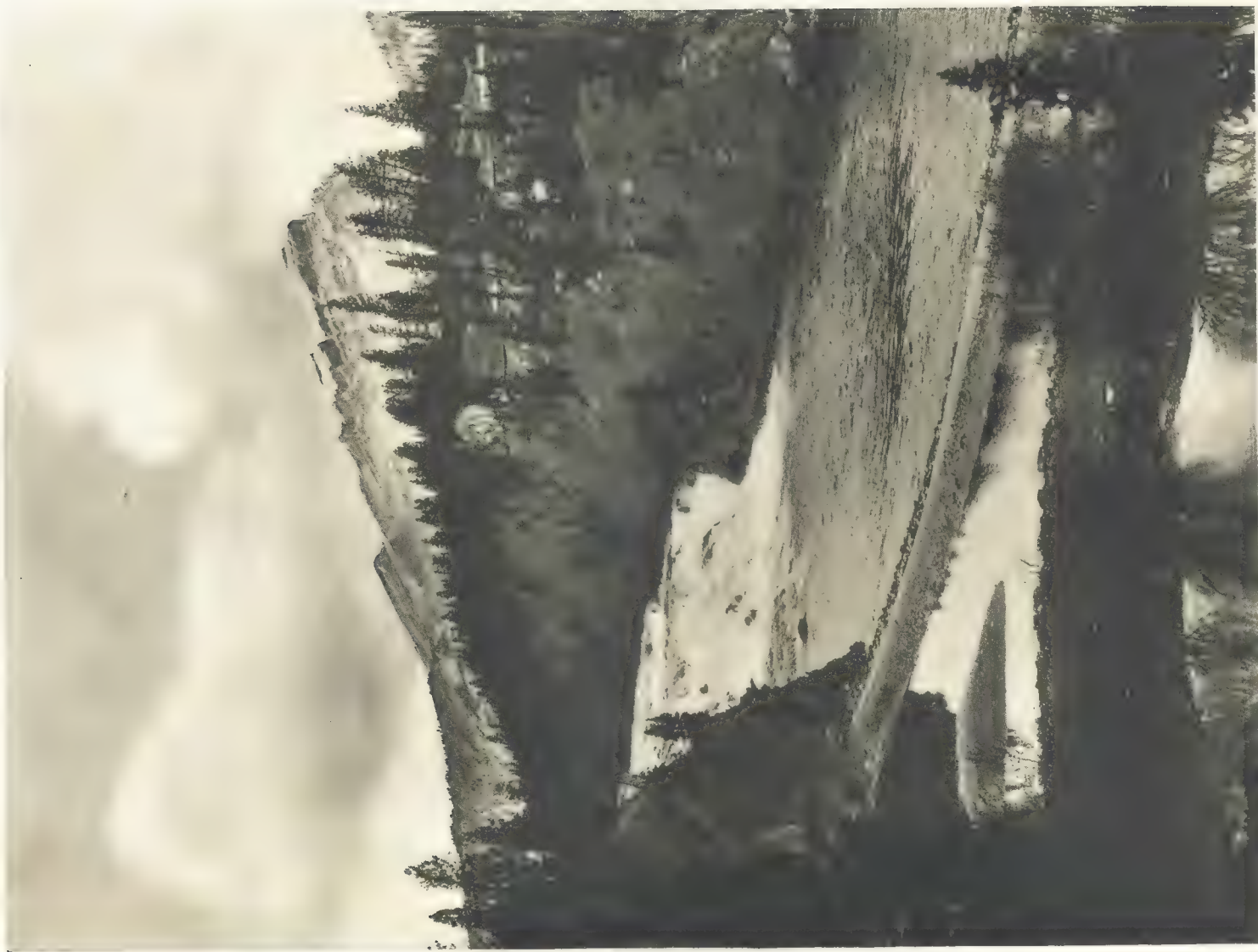
BOW RIVER AND MASSIVE RANGE



ASPEN AVENUE, BELOW C. P. R. HOTEL



MOUNT RUNDLE, HEIGHT 9665 FEET



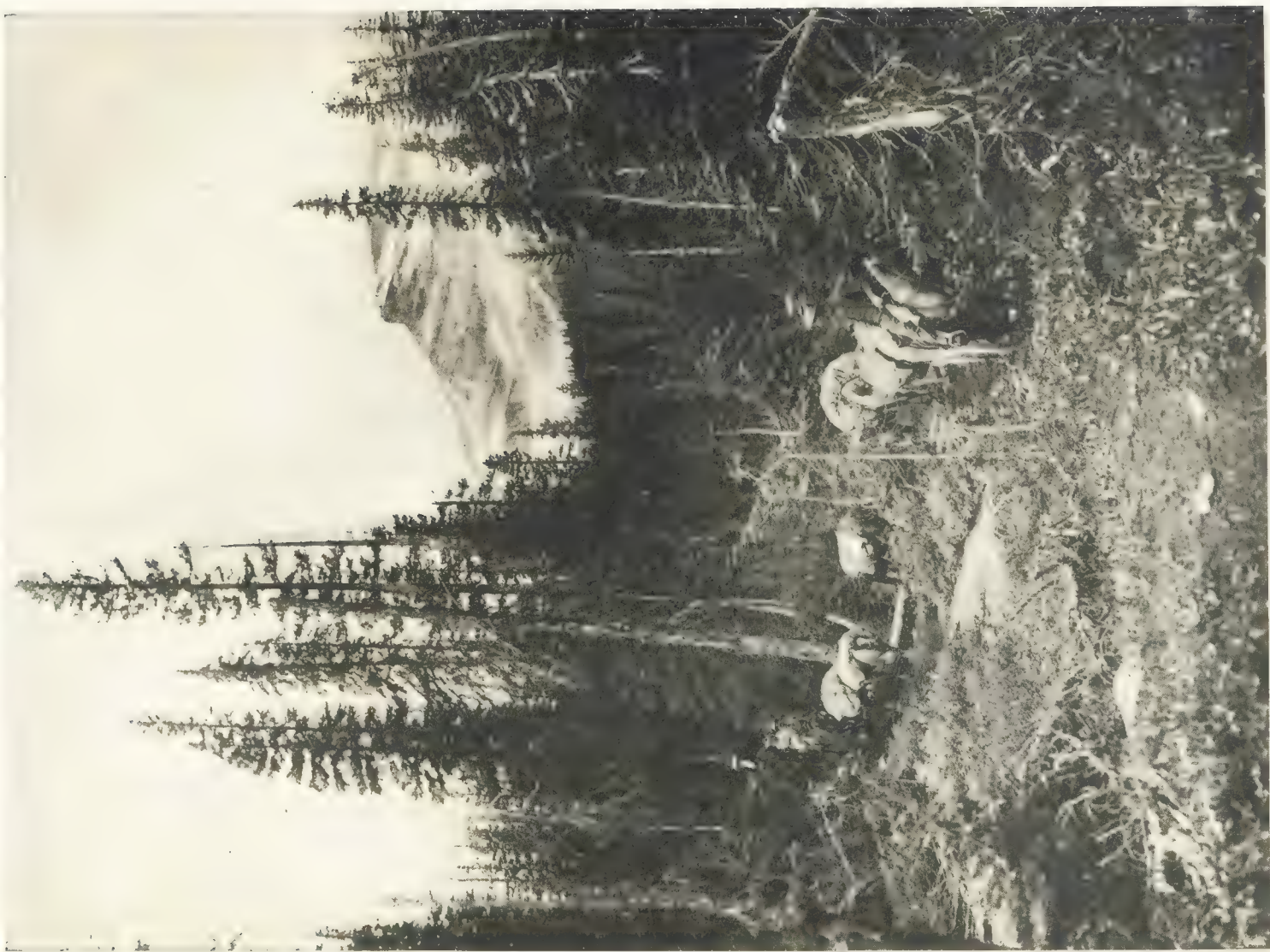
BOW RIVER FALLS



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CASCADE OR DEVIL'S CANYON



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BATHING—HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS AT CAVE AND BASIN



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THE BOW VALLEY FROM C. P. R. HOTEL



OBSERVATORY—TOP OF SULPHUR MOUNTAIN



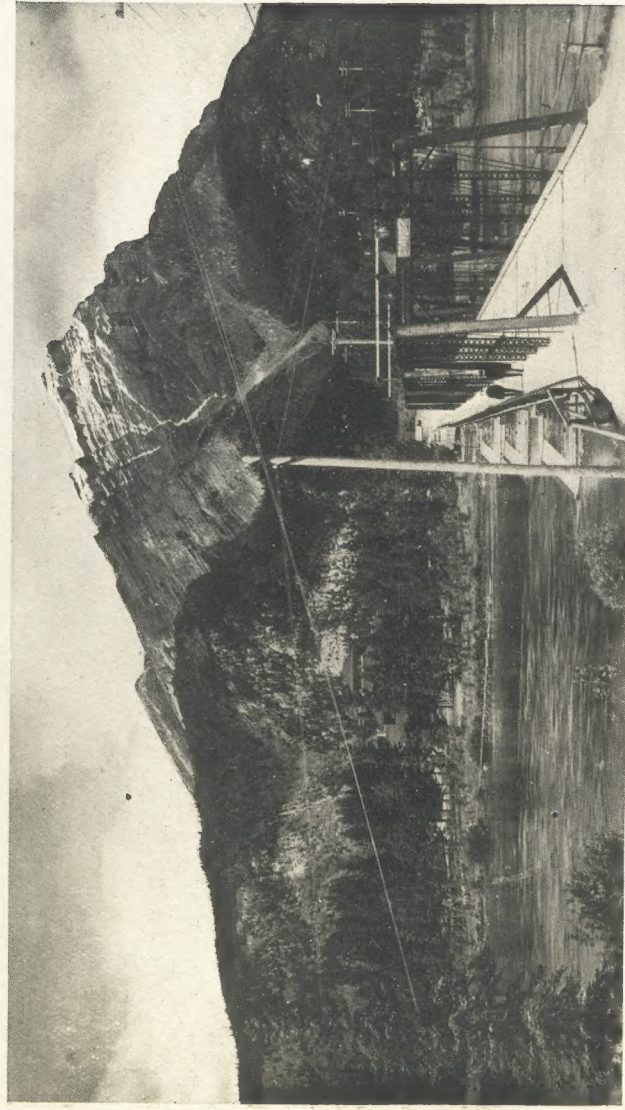
SCENE NEAR BANFF



THE EDITH PEAKS



GOAT MOUNTAIN



BRIDGE SCENE AT FOOT OF CASCADE MOUNTAIN



